

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES  
NEWS RELEASE**



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KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENING**

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 6 hours from 6 p.m. Thursday, July 25 until 12 a.m. Friday, July 26 in the Kotzebue District.

Catch during last night's 4-hour opening was 2,683 chum salmon by 9 permit holders. Windy conditions likely resulted in a reduced fishing effort last night.

The commercial harvest this season is expected to be within the range of 225,000 to 250,000 chum salmon if market conditions can accept that level of harvest. The total commercial harvest to date is nearly 70,000 chum salmon. Last year by this date the harvest was 60,000 chum salmon and total harvest for the season was nearly 228,000 chum salmon.

If you have any questions concerning the fishery you can call the Kotzebue office at 442-3420, or the Commercial Fisheries office in Nome at 1-800-560-2271 or the buyer at 442-4192.